GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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CASES PENDING IN CIC
Dhruvanarayana Shri Rangaswamy;Ering Shri Ninong

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge backlog of petitions under the Right to Information (RTI) Act for disposal with the Central Information Commission as well as State Information Commissions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of such petitions pending for disposal till date; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to bring down such backlogs?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): A total number of 36100 appeals and complaints are pending in the Central Information Commission as on 30.11.2014.

(c): The Central Information Commission has been granted autonomy in recruitment of staff. Government has appointed five more Information Commissioners in the Central Information Commission w.e.f. 22nd November, 2013.

The Government has also taken several steps like issue of guidelines for the Central Public Information Officers and First Appellate Authorities enabling them to supply information/dispose of first appeal effectively resulting in less number of appeals to the Commission.